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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: LAF MOVE SOUTH

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1. AFTER CONSULTING AMBASSADOR LEWIS, I FILLED IN PRIETO
(IN CHARGE IN SIILASVUO'S ABSENCE) MORNING AUGUST 1 AND
UNTSO CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, LT COL BOUTON. I CONVEYED
REF B, OMITTING COMMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO VISITING NORWEGIAN
COS. FOR THEIR BACKGROUND, I ALSO SHARED INFORMATION REF C.

2. PRIETO WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF OUR ASSISTANCE AND SAID
HE WOULD PASS SUMMARY OF WEIZMAN'S
HADDAD'S POSITIONS TO ERSKINE/AIME IN
NAQOURA IMMEDIATELY. HE UNDERSTOOD COMMANDER LEBANESE FORCE,
COL SAAD, WAS COMING TO NAQOURA FROM KAWKABA VIA HELICOPTER
THIS MORNING.

3. THERE WAS ALSO A MEETING IN PROGRESS AT KAWKABA
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BETWEEN COL RANA (UNIFEL, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LAF,
AND ONE OR MORE REPRESENTATIVES OF HADDAD. (HADDAD HIMSELF
NOT PRESENT.) NO RESULTS WERE KNOWN AS YET.
4. PRIETO SAID UNIFIL CONFIRMED SIZE OF FORCE WAS 700.

5. PRIETO ALSO SAID UNIFEL FLATLY DENIED REPORT
SYRIANS WERE WITH LEBANESE FORCE. "A DIRTY

LIE," ACCORDING TO UNIFIL HQ WHICH RECHECKED STORY DURING MY MEETING AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE. PRIETO AND BOUTON DID NOT EXCLUDE SYRIAN ESCORT UP TO UNIFIL AREA OF OPERATIONS (AO) BUT BELIEVED UNIFIL REPORT THERE ARE NO SYRIANS NOW WITH LAF UNIT. THEIR POSITION IS SAME AS LEBANESE ON THIS POINT REPORTED PARA TWO REF D WHICH WAS RECEIVED HERE AFTER MY MEETING.

6. PRIETO OBSERVED BOTH ISRAELIS AND LEBANESE HAD APPARENTLY BEEN WITHOLDING INFORMATION FROM UN AND US. HE IS CONVINCED ISRAEL IS BEHIND HADDAD'S STAND. EITHER LEBANESE ARE DECEIVING THEMSELVES ABOUT HADDAD'S POSITION, OR HADDAD IS DECEIVING GOL, OR BOTH.

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